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Applicant: Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.	Art Unit: 2762
Serial No.: 09/100,595	Examiner: Unknown
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For:	PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, all filed in the name of Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.:

Serial No.	Filing Date	Title	Docket No.
08/821,935	March 21, 1997	INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH	IBM/02
08/822,119	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES	IBM/03
08,826,107	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING MULTIPLE INTELLIGENT AGENTS HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE	IBM/01

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Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed on March 21, 1997 by Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE". Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

No representation is made that any of the references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations herein are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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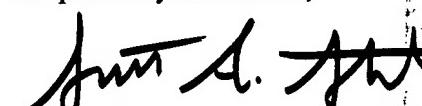
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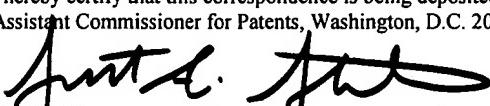
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